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Dear Hayes,

I am back to Milan after the Paris congress, and a trip to Brittany and the south of France. I find your two letters and manuscript. As I am leaving again for a short period (six days), I am taking it away with me and shall prepare in the country the most bitter criticism of it, to be divulged at the Pallanza meeting. Mind you, I know most geneticists prefer your unbiased approach to the problem, ours being obviously biased by a probably useless tendency to have all facts fitted in the old, usual, orthodox scheme. I am sure you will find at Pallanza the greatest appreciation of your work and ideas. I have no new facts to add, and shall just read the manuscript which you know.

In Paris I went to see the Rockefeller, having heard that nobody had at that time reached their money, and they told me that it had just been dispatched via the American Express. I just told your case to the employee in charge, and as he probably happened to be responsible for the delay, he has done his best to content you; after the first meeting with him (after which I wrote you from Paris) he has let me know that he has been able to stop the payment through the American Express, and that therefore your money will be sent to Pallanza where it will await your arrival. I hope this news⁹ does not reach you with a too great delay (which is now my own fault) and that you have not changed your plans in the meanwhile. You may know - I have probably written to you about it) that you will be unable to have the money paid to you in dollars in Italy; it will have

to be given to you in liras. However, you may be able to take at least part of it abroad with you if you do not use it, and you can buy any sort of currency in Italy, some very cheaply too; even if it is difficult to believe, liras are ^{such} not a bad currency today, as they used to be before the war.

I am glad to be able to see you soon again

Yours sincerely